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Campus adds Black Student Union

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The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has adopted the first Black Student Union with ideas similar to the former organization Alliance of Black Collegians.

The Black Student Union has been active for two months. It hosts meetings at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Engagement Center.

Black Student Union President junior Tubias Johnson said he’s been working on implementing this organization since his freshman year, 2016.

“To me, the Black Student Union is that outlet of unity with-in the students of color at Northwest,” Johnson said. “It’s in the title ‘Black Student Union’ that means

helping each other out, making sure we all graduate, making sure campus climate is safe and comfortable for us.”

Former ABC Secretary and Northwest alumni Jessica Sanders said there weren’t any members who wanted to uphold executive positions within ABC.

“No one took over the exec board. The executive board were all seniors and no one wanted to take over their positions so ABC hasn’t existed at Northwest,” Sanders said.

Johnson said before starting Black Student Union he contacted former ABC members and North-

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- Amaya Ballard, freshman

west alumni to determine what they wanted for the new organization.

“In the past, Northwest had ABC and our goals and missions

align. However, I feel as though ABC was a filter because they didn’t want it to be as blunt as the Black Student Union,” Johnson said. “We’re at a time right now where you have to have things bold and out there like what it’s for.”

Johnson was working on forming the Black Student Union with former DEI Coordinator Edward Gibson III. Johnson and other student leaders presented their views for Black Student Union to directors in DEI and Student Senate members.

Black Student Union Secretary freshman Amaya Ballard Traylor

said she joined the Black Student Union because she wanted to promote change within the black community.

Traylor said she joined the Black Student Union because she wants students of color to feel comfortable on campus. The organization has over 20 members.

“Half of my friend group talked about how they didn’t want to come back to Northwest because they didn’t feel as if there was a big enough black community here,” Traylor said. “I knew it was more than just my friend group. It was a lot of freshmen who felt that way as well, so I wanted to change that.”

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Jasinski named Icon of Education

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Northwest President John Jasinski was named one of Ingram Magazine’s 2019 Icons of Education.

Ingram, a business magazine based in Kansas City, Missouri, chose 10 exceptional leaders that demonstrate a “lifetime of service for a region’s future” to be featured in its February issue.

“Receiving that sort of recognition really means that you have a great team around you and certainly a larger group of individuals that are incredibly supportive,” Jasinski said. “It’s not an individual award; it’s really team based and a recognition of a great institution.”

Ingram started Icons of Education in 2009 as an annual tradition. Ingram Managing Editor Dennis Boone said they gather information on leaders throughout Missouri and Kansas.

“We’re looking for people who have devoted their lives to higher education,” Boone said. “They have a career of metrics that de-



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fine them as being the best at what they do.”

Jasinski said he was fortunate to have good teachers from kindergarten all the way through to receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln because they taught him to be a leader.

“I know that the educators I came into contact with always provided higher expectations, which really meant a lot,” Jasinski said. “It shows that they have confidence and faith in you even though sometimes you may not have faith in yourself.”

Northwest’s performance across many areas and outperforming peers, setting the University apart is what Jasinski said one of his proudest accomplishments as president.

“We talk about why Northwest is such a special place and I really believe it’s because all of us collectively come together and perform,” Jasinski said. “When we say we are going to do something we actually do it. We’ve been responsive, we’ve been proactive.”

Jasinski has served as 10th president at Northwest since 2009.

He has been elected to the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges and is on the advisory team of the commissioner for the Missouri Department of Higher Education. He attributes his success to his wife, family, staff, faculty, alumni and students.

“We’re not without challenges and opportunities, but we’re headed in a direction that is a positive direction for what the higher education is going through in the next 10 years,” Jasinski said. “I think it really reflects well in the institution itself.”

Student starts food delivery business

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A Northwest student started her own business in Maryville after seeing a need for a food delivery service.

Sophomore Ally Bailey founded Bearcats Eat for any restaurant in Maryville, charging \$5 per delivery on top of order costs. Bearcats Eat, which is run off of the Twitter page @BearcatsFood, has gained over 150 followers since launching Feb. 21.

“It was the first weekend, and I actually got a couple of orders, I was like ‘Oh my gosh, this is actually happening; it’s not just an idea anymore’ so that was really cool,” Bailey said. “It’s a little bit new and a lot of people are unsure of how it works.”

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Conservation Agent Mark McNeely spoke to the Wildlife Club during its meeting March 7 in Garrett-Strong.

Wildlife Club recognized on national level

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Northwest’s Wildlife Club has been officially recognized as an affiliate of The Wildlife Society. Wildlife Club Advisor Jay McGhee said the Wildlife Club has been thinking about being affiliated with The Wildlife Society for a while.

“The Wildlife Society is the national society for wildlife biology in general, both nationally and internationally,” McGhee said. “Becoming a student chapter connects us with that professional society. It provides opportunities and support through that. At the state and regional level, they’re very excited to have

us come on.”

McGhee said to maintain affiliation, officers have to be members of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Club will have to do regular activities and tax reporting to the parent organization. McGhee said the process of becoming an affiliated member didn’t take long. They needed student support and finances for the student memberships.

“Our student chapter generates from a Wildlife Club that has been on campus for many, many years. It was originally called the 102 River Wildlife Club,” McGhee said.

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Medical marijuana licenses in high demand

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Missouri state officials are working to write rules for the medical marijuana industry and the license application. Officials plan to finish the process June 4 and begin accepting business applications Aug. 3.

Voters passed Amendment 2 in November, which legalized marijuana in Missouri for medical purposes. Though the law officially passed in December, it has yet to take effect.

According to New Approach Missouri, the deadline for patient registration is June 6, 2019. The deadline to apply for a grower and/or dispensary license is January 2020, and dispensaries should open by early 2020.

According to KY3 in Springfield, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is expecting more than 180,000 people

to apply for medical marijuana cards after sales begin.

People can apply for a medical marijuana card early, but there is a specific set of rules that must be followed. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, a qualifying patient must obtain a new physician certification annually, and the certification must be less than 30 days old when the application is submitted.

When applying, a person may also obtain an identification card to cultivate up to six marijuana plants. Applications for both can be completed online. As of March, a total of 453 pre-filled applications have been submitted to the department with fees totaling \$3,266,000.

Under federal law, Missouri residents won’t legally be able to have a license for medical marijuana and possess a firearm at the same time.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives addressed this in an open letter

September 2011 which stated marijuana is still illegal federally.

“Therefore, any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana, regardless of whether his or her state passed legislation authorizing marijuana use for medicinal purposes, in an unlawful user of or addicted to a controlled substance, and is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition,” the letter reads.

Northwest Young Democrats Club President junior Tyler Bears said he believes the decision is a smart one as it can alter a person’s state of mind.

“I don’t think you should be able to possess a gun with alcohol either and I think it should be viewed in that same way,” Bears said. “But, we’re also not using alcohol as only a medicinal use right and marijuana does alter your mind in a way.”

The amendment places a 4 per-

cent tax on medical marijuana. The revenue would be used to support the regulation of the program, and the extra money will be used to help Missouri veterans.

States like Colorado use some of the money generated from the sales and tax of marijuana to fund public education; Missouri is looking into that possibility. Bears said it could be really beneficial to have tax money go toward education.

“So Colorado, if you look at that, a lot of the taxes that are being pulled from that are going into the education system, and I think that is fantastic,” Bears said. “Schools are really an economic driver, and for Northwest Missouri, that would be really phenomenal because we are really kind of lacking on money and job opportunities.”

Bears said the marijuana industry could also be a huge draw for a younger audience and improve the overall job market.

“I think it (marijuana) would

also help to bring a lot of younger people to smaller counties or maybe even keeping them in because in a lot of these small counties kids are leaving,” Bears said.

Bears said he could see Missouri eventually legalizing recreational marijuana. But he said that when it comes to both medical and recreational uses officials must be smart about the regulations they impose.

While Bears supports medical marijuana, there are still drawbacks that come along with using the drug.

“I think that sometimes marijuana is often viewed with this umbrella-like view of ‘Oh, it’s good for me; it’s good for everyone,’ and that is not necessarily the case,” Bears said. “In fact, there have been many cases where people with schizophrenia have been horribly, horribly mistreated with marijuana and it has really bad lasting effects on them.”

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Northwest alum returns, talks campus growth

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A Bearcat alum and military veteran of 35 years recently returned to campus as the new executive in residence.

Gen. Christopher Hughes met with Faculty Senate March 6 to discuss possible ideas on how to improve different aspects of the University.

The main focus of Hughes' presentation at the meeting was his plans for modules meant to help professors improve their teaching, innovation and student relation making abilities.

These modules would be optional, but Hughes said they would be beneficial for most professors. Hughes also made a point to focus on the need for faculty to improve their resource use, especially in regards money.

Faculty Senate President Brian Haile said Hughes earned his position through his time talking with President John Jasinski, the Board of Regents and the Northwest Leadership Team about his experience and desire to help Northwest.

"I think part of it is (Hughes) is a distinguished alumnus that was at a point where he was retiring and wanted to come back here and give," Haile said. "He had been doing that and so then a relationship formed. I think they were already kind of asking him questions; there was some consulting."

Haile said Hughes had an advantage when it came to spotting issues and ways to save money on campus due to his time away.

"He comes in and he is objective," Haile said. "He does not have a stake in any one particular piece of the University. He just has what he feels like is a stake in the University."

Haile said Faculty Senate will be meeting again to talk to Hughes about his idea for modules and how he can help the University.

"I have been in meetings with Chris (Hughes), and he talked about different things, but I had not heard many of those things mentioned. Some of the other faculty had," Haile said. "That (Hughes' plan) is

something that we are going to start looking and seeing if there is anything there."

Faculty Senate Member Richard Black said Hughes reminded him of his own military family background.

"General Hughes reminded me of people I have encountered in terms of expertise, but that is also communicated very authoritatively and enthusiastically," Black said. "I think the greatest strength that experience (military service) has is with the organizational demands that such a huge program requires from someone in that position."

Black also said he needed to receive more information about Hughes' ideas and possible programs in order to create more of an opinion about it.

"In terms of knowing organizational structures that are effective, if that is part of his mandate, that experience is certainly something that will serve him well as he reviews us as an institution," Black said.

In regards to Hughes' idea for modules designed to help teachers improve or change their teaching styles and ability to connect with students, Black said he was cautious about the plan.

"I am kind of agnostic about them," Black said. "He made it very clear that it would be respectful of academic freedom, for faculty to choose whether they adopt them or not. Which is good, I think it is kind of presumptuous to say 'Hey, here is my curriculum, now you adopt it.'"

Previous Faculty Senate President John Gallaher said he was interested in Hughes' ideas but needed to do more research over them.

"They look really intriguing," Gallaher said. "It is a lot of stuff to talk about but, I mean, I really have not seen any of them, like to hold on to. I am privy; I have been around some conversations but nothing that has advanced very far other than interest is very high."

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Court of Appeals, consisting of a three-judge panel, heard four cases Monday during a hearing of the Missouri Court of Appeals Western District in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Missouri Court of Appeals convenes at Northwest

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Students wearing sweatpants and hoodies sat attentively next to attorneys of law in formal three-piece suits during a hearing of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom March 11.

The Court of Appeals, consisting of a three-judge panel, heard four cases in an event open to the public in efforts to educate those in attendance of the court system and how proceedings take place.

The event was sponsored by the department of humanities and social sciences and the Northwest Pre-Law Society.

The panel consisted of judges Cindy Martin, serving on the court since 2009, Thomas Newton, since 1999 and Gary Witt, since 2010.

The four cases heard from the day's docket were State of Missouri v. Cale D. Seymour, Jennifer A. Britt v. Jeremy M. Otto, American Family Mutual Insurance Company, State of Missouri v. Jimmie L. Verge and Raquel Hopper

v. HNB National Bank and One Home Realty.

The court has convened annually at Northwest hearing different cases since 2010. The Monday session marked the 11th session held on Northwest's campus according to a University news release.

Assistant Professor of political science Dan Smith said the event brought fewer numbers than in recent years.

"Over 60 were in the room for the first couple of cases, but in the past, we've had well over 100 in attendance, which is awesome, and that's always my goal," Smith said.

During the event, the judges allowed each attorney to present the basics of their case to those in attendance and have a five-minute argument to the panel on the side they were defending.

The other side had a rebuttal of five minutes as well and each were allowed closing remarks for the submission of each case.

The judges noted to those in attendance that following proceedings, the court would meet for an

opinion after adjournment and determine if the case can be retired or if errors were made calling for a reversal in the trial court's judgment.

After official adjournment, discussion of court proceedings was set up as a Q&A with the judges on the court.

One student asked about opinion writing and the duration of time it takes for them to be processed.

"We're very proud of our turn around time in the Missouri court system," Witt said. "Timing varies depending on the case, but we are proud to say we do a good job at that."

Martin added to the question, discussing the structure of opinion writing.

"When the judges come together, they have to agree on an opinion and assign someone to write it in a document," Martin said. "Either that or have someone write a document of dissent with those that disagree."

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OUR VIEW:

Medical marijuana not part of gun issue

A federal law is proving to be difficult by negating the rights the second amendment provides by wrongfully targeting people who choose to use medical marijuana despite if its legal within the state.

With the fast spread of marijuana legalization in America, federal law has come into the lime-light concerning whether or not people possessing a medical marijuana card will be able to own a gun as well.

While medical marijuana can be beneficial, some people are concerned about medical issues and the fact that medical marijuana alters people’s state of mind since it is still a drug.

Heavy users have reported short-term problems with attention, memory and learning according to the CDA; “heavy users” being the keywords. The effects are more minimal if doctors prescribe safe amounts and patients do not use more than necessary.

There is also concern about lack of knowledge about gun safety. Some believe using marijuana, whether medical or not, could lead to unnecessarily dangerous situations.

Knowing statistics on gun violence would help educate people on gun safety.

The most recent efforts to allow the CDC to conduct research on gun violence in March 2018 did not end up with any funding, according to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute.

The same can be said for education on the effects of marijuana, especially looking at negative side effects and reasons people would want to use marijuana.

According to Statistica, the most common reason people consumed marijuana for adults in January 2017 was for relaxation purposes. People also used it to reduce stress and anxiety as well as im-



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prove sleep quality.

Mixing marijuana and guns could be a lethal combination, but we also should not neglect the rights of those people who are using it for medical reasons.

Even with these valid concerns, the right to bear arms is being pushed to the side.

People can use other “controlled substances” that affect a per-

son’s state of mind like alcohol or taking other prescription drugs like Xanax and not lose their gun rights.

But if they opt for medical marijuana, they immediately lose those rights.

This means the only people directly affected are those looking to use marijuana legally in prescribed portions and those who are breaking the law.

The letter addressing the issue by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives seems outdated as well, seeing how so much has changed since 2011.

Before 2011, there were around 16 states and counting who had legalized marijuana, according to Yahoo! Finance.

Only about 32 percent of the states, while now we have more

than half the states legalizing marijuana for medical uses.

The number of people affected by this old federal law should definitely be considered, especially since a lot has happened in the past eight years.

Overall, federal law should be reevaluated for the changing times and should not target specific people.

Women need larger pockets for true equality



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It’s 2019, and women’s clothing still has fake pockets. Nothing is worse than buying a new pair of jeans only to come home and see the pockets either aren’t real or are so small that anything larger than a penny would fall out.

Pockets are already hard to find. Having clothes with pockets is as rare as finding a commuter parking spot on campus. It’s time for women’s fashion to be addressed with the

same standards as men’s clothing.

Buying baby clothes can be infuriating when I find the 6-month-old shorts have pockets, and the pants I’m wearing do not. My cousin — who just learned how to crawl — doesn’t have anything to put in his pockets. I need a place to put my phone and keys; babies should not have more pockets than a grown woman.

According to a BBC article, adding pockets to clothes on a mass scale wouldn’t cost extra. The resistance to giving women pockets isn’t about the cost but rather the way the clothing would look on women if it had pockets.

Designers worry having pockets on clothing would be unflattering to the woman’s figure. Because a woman, obviously, only dress-

es herself to draw attention to the shape of her body.

The fashion industry is predominantly run by men who focus on design rather than functionality, according to an article on The Atlantic. Female attire often lacks pockets just because men don’t think women look as good with them.

The magazine Glamour and the Council of Fashion Designers of America did a study called “The Glass Runway” to see why women don’t often work in leadership positions of the fashion industry even though most fashion majors are women.

The study found that only 14 percent of major brands for women’s clothing are directed by a female executive in 2015. Part of the

reason was women were less encouraged to advance. Men moved to higher positions more easily, with 18 percent getting promoted without asking while only 5 percent of women did.

Due to the lack of pockets, many women carry purses or handbags. The purse serves the same purpose as a man’s pocket; it’s used to hold the woman’s belongings. Carrying a purse has become synonymous with being a woman, simply because we’re denied pockets.

I have to bring a separate bag to carry my phone, wallet and keys, while a man could keep that all on his person with room to spare. My uncle once slipped his entire Kindle Fire into one of his pockets. In

my one pair of jeans with pockets, I can’t even walk without my phone falling out because it’s so shallow.

Women’s clothing has been fostering inequality for far too long. Women have been asking for pockets since the 19th century, according to a video by George Takei. Women get excited when they see pockets on their clothes, only to be disappointed when they discover the pockets were just sewn on for design and can’t hold anything.

Purses can be a nice accessory at times, but it’s a hassle more often than not. It’s difficult to do things with a bag under my armpit or in my hand. Women shouldn’t have to look so hard to find pockets.

US education should apply Japanese technology



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In the U.S., Japan is often thought of as a country known for three things: peculiar culture, anime and cutting edge technology.

Often times the technology aspect of Japan is forgotten, buried underneath the constant highlighting of its unique culture and the fact that anime oftentimes is created there.

People should remember alongside those things, Japan makes consistent strides in technology, and with those strides comes new, fresh ideas.

Education is an area where several of these ideas apply to, and the U.S. should heavily consider studying and even implementing similar ideas and methods Japan has in its education system.

One idea is the presentation style of PechaKucha.

This framework for building a power point presentation comes from Japan and follows a strict 20 by 20 rule: 20 slides, each 20 seconds long, resulting in a six-minute and 40-second presentation.

This alternative to a more traditional power point provides several benefits for presenters and audiences alike.

An article from the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Teaching and Learning explained some of the advantages of PechaKucha

presentations.

The first advantage it isolates is attention span.

A common problem with power point presentations is keeping an audience engaged. This is evident when teachers lecture to classes and when students present to their fellow classmates.

PechaKucha helps combat this through its strict six-minute 40-second time length. The article explains how that time period is long enough to fully introduce new ideas and concepts without risking losing an audience’s attention.

PechaKucha also strongly encourages the use of images over text. This is beneficial for two reasons.

First, it helps keep the audience attention by providing visual aids

that draw its focus back to the presentation, however, it doesn’t risk being too distracting since the slides rotate every twenty seconds.

Second, it’s advantageous for the presenter. By having a minimal amount of words on each slide, the presenter needs to rehearse to know what they’re going to say and when. This ensures they understand what they’re talking about while simultaneously stopping the dreaded reading presentation where a presenter simply reads off of the power point.

PechaKucha is just one idea the U.S. could adopt. The U.S. could also look toward Japan’s model for hiring teachers for schools.

An article from The Atlantic explores how Japan has a unique way of assigning teachers to schools.

It explains how in Japan teachers are hired by prefectures or what could be compared to states in the U.S. These prefectures then examine schools underneath their umbrella to decide what their needs are before then providing them with what they feel is the best teacher to meet their needs.

The article further explains how often times these teachers are moved around to different schools, expanding teachers’ skill sets and making them better at their job.

This not only increases overall education quality but arguably just as importantly, also increases the overall equality for students in their education system.

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Maryville Public Safety: Feb. 28

A summons was issued to **Treyton Sunderman**, 25, from Shenandoah, Iowa, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

A summons was issued to **Josie Fredricks**, 39, for dog at large at the 700 block of East Jenkins Street.

March 4

A summons was issued to **Treyton Paris**, 18, for careless and imprudent driving at the 500 block of South Main Street.

March 6

A summons was issued to **Zachary Foyt**, 21, for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain right half of the roadway and possession of marijuana at the 700 block of East First Street.

March 8

A summons was issued to **Isaac Bledsoe**, 23, for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain right half of the roadway at the 300 block of East Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Frederik Agvald**, 24, from Leavenworth, Kansas, for driving while intoxicated at the 200 block of Park Avenue.

A summons was issued to **Jaiden McClure**, 19, for driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 100 block of North Frederick Avenue.

A summons was issued to **Dontrelle Busby**, 23, from Kirksville, Missouri, for possession of marijuana at the 100 block of North Frederick Avenue.

March 9

A summons was issued to **Brant Price**, 20, from Country Club, Missouri, for minor in possession and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at the 500 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Colton Blanchard**, 20, from Savannah, Missouri, for minor in possession at the 500 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Ty Gottman**, 19, from Greentop, Missouri, for driving while intoxicated, speeding, failure to financial responsibility, minor in possession and open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at the 1300 block of North Main Street.

A summons was issued to **Tyler Despain**, 28, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

March 10

A summons was issued to **Timothy Sweat**, 26, from Bedford, Iowa, for driving while intoxicated and driving while suspended at the 1700 block of East First Street.

University Police Department:

March 8

A summons was issued to **Daishaun Perry**, 18, for possession of marijuana at Dieterich Hall.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

The next step for the Black Student Union is to become an officially recognized campus organization.

STUDENT UNION CONTINUED FROM A1

Treasurer of Minority Men’s Organization junior D’Ante Doctrine said he enjoys what is discussed during the Black Student Union meetings.

“Now that I’m a part of it (Black Student Union), I feel a lot

more comfortable,” Doctrine said. “I like that we do these gatherings, and we discuss pop culture or stuff that happened to us.”

Doctrine said the Black Student Union will benefit the students on campus and reach students who may not know about the organization.

“We will do well with bringing more people of color togeth-

er because if you notice a lot of us have roles in different organizations,” Doctrine said. “Now that we’ve made it a point to actually bring everyone together, we actually have a common goal to unity.”

The next step for the Black Student Union is to become an officially recognized campus organization through Student Senate.

BEARCATS EAT CONTINUED FROM A1

Maryville has approximately 40 restaurants with just nine that offer food delivery. Bailey said her dad always told her that if she saw a need, she should fill that need. Bailey grew up watching her dad run his own dent repair business out of their family garage, inspiring her to start Bearcats Eat.

“My dad is an entrepreneur, and he was always telling me if you see a need that needs to be filled, just take the leap,” Bailey said. “It makes me proud to be an entrepreneur like my dad.”

Bearcats Eat was not the original intention behind Bailey’s drive to provide food delivery in the Maryville area. When the idea first came to mind, Bailey was looking to bring Uber Eats or DoorDash to Maryville but quickly realized that was not an option.

Bailey tweeted from her personal Twitter account, “Why doesn’t Maryville do Uber Eats or

DoorDash??? Should I start delivering food, maybe I’ll make some moneyyyyyyy.”

Bailey said she received a lot of positive feedback from that Tweet and noted the University Police Department said they would order from her.

“I went online to see if I could order food or anything, and it said there was no one in the Maryville area that could deliver food,” Bailey said. “That’s when I tried to start-up and become one of those people, but then Maryville wasn’t an area that they could do that in, so that’s why I just made my own thing.”

Bailey takes orders through the Bearcats Eat Twitter page. To make an order, Twitter users direct message Bearcats Eat.

Bailey will then look up the order on the chosen restaurants website to get the order total and then charges her customer through Venmo. Each order takes around 10 to 15 minutes.

“As of right now, I just Tweet ‘Hey, I’m free to deliver food’ or

sometimes people will DM (direct message) me in the middle of the day when I haven’t said my hours yet, and if I’m free or I have the time, I deliver,” Bailey said.

Sophomore Peyton Cobb helped Bailey brainstorm Bearcats Eat and said they are trying to get the word out about the business.

“It’s kind of small right now. No one really knows about it,” Cobb said. “When we go out, we are constantly telling people about it and telling them to follow our Twitter page. She made like eight deliveries or something last weekend; that’s pretty good for the first weekend.”

Bailey has done six deliveries since launching Bearcats Eat but hopes to deliver more as word about Bearcats Eat gets out.

“Don’t be afraid to do it. It’s kinda weird the first time because it’s like ‘Oh my gosh, this random girl is coming to pick up food for me,’ but I love to do it and I need the money, so feel free to do it anytime,” Bailey said.



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AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN
President of the African Student Organization, junior Hiba Mahgoub, chose the word “confident” because when she thinks of women, she thinks of confident women.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Maddy Bruder was an outside hitter but is now student assistant for the volleyball team.



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN
Co-Founder of the Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas Women in Computing Conference, Carol Spradling chose the term “agile” because it is a computer science term that translate to represent aspects of feminism.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
University Police Officer Kristina Martinez was honored for her work with people struggling with mental illness.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Student Senate President senior Alyssa Lincoln chose the word “grit” because every woman she’s admired was “gritty.”

Northwest empowers female leaders on campus

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Northwest prides itself on providing opportunities for women to step forward and take the reigns. As March moves forward these women are stepping into the limelight. March is dedicated to celebrating women who shaped history and empowering women across the globe. Northwest strives to celebrate women as they take on leadership roles on campus.

Management information senior Arpana Pokhrel said she is impressed with how Northwest encourages female leadership.

“I think Northwest is doing a great job empowering women,” Pokhrel said. “As we can see around campus, there are many women in leadership.” Northwest’s female leaders are not limited to student organizations. It extends to the administration as well.

Jamie Hooyman, Northwest’s first female provost, said feminism is about embracing all of herself. “Feminism means to embrace who you are as a woman and all the complexity that comes with that role,” Hooyman said. “I am a mother, wife, daughter, friend, leader and so much more. Feminism means celebrating those roles and uplifting others to do the same.” International Women’s History Month started in 1982, though it started as Women’s History Week. The week centered around March 8, which was declared International Women’s Day in 1911. The celebration started in a California school to celebrate women’s contributions to history.

Women have played major roles throughout history though their work is often overlooked or credited to their male counterparts. However, some women made their way into history books such as Amelia Earhart, Betsy Ross and Rosa Parks.

Each year, Women’s Month has an overarching theme. The 2019 theme “Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence,” focuses on women who have looked for nonviolent ways to end war, violence and injustice in the world.

According to the official Women’s History Month Alliance, the theme was chosen for the stereotype that women are natural peacemakers.

“For generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools and communities,” the website said. “They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace and promote the common good.”

Hooyman said being a woman brings a unique perspective to the workforce.

“I don’t have to hide the traits that make me a female in my leadership roles,” Hooyman said. “I don’t want to act like a man — I

bring something different to the table. I can be strong, decisive and powerful while being true to myself. Feminism, to me, means embracing hard work, having integrity and uplifting others while exemplifying what a strong woman can do.”

Northwest also has an abundance of female-only organizations on campus. With five Panhellenic sororities, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Society, SISTAH and more, Bearcat women have spaces where they can discover empowerment.

For Student Senate president Alyssa Lincoln describes being a feminist as “gritty.”

“I think feminism is grit,” Lincoln said. “To me, being a woman is being gritty. You have to be malleable and flexible and be willing to get back up. Sadly, I think that’s what it means to be a woman. I think it’s profound how women are so gritty. That’s an attribute that every woman I’ve looked up to has.”

For Hooyman, feminism and empowerment work together, and she does her best to instill a sense of self-respect in her three daughters.

“I think they would all say the same thing,” Hooyman said. “That I, hopefully, instilled self-respect. I think you’ve got to respect yourself. You’ve got to believe in yourself. If you have those attributes, that’s going to get you through a lot of tough situations. I think self-respect is one of the most important things. You can’t control a lot in life, but you can control your actions.”

Hooyman also said empowerment is rooted in responsibility.

“Empowerment is a two-fold thing,” Hooyman said. “It’s a responsibility. If you are empowered to do something, one that means you’ve gained someone’s trust and respect enough that you can carry forward an agenda item or idea ... it has to be cherished ... when I think about empowerment I think about trust, respect and integrity because when you are empowered to do something that is the highest respect you can give someone.”

Northwest also began celebrating Women’s History Month with events occurring throughout the 31 days, including speakers like Holocaust survivor, Marion Blumenthal Lazan, who is visiting March 19. Student Senate also gave out custom stickers for students to put on their laptops.

Hooyman said the biggest support women can give themselves is to believe in themselves and remember to get out of their own head.

“Believe in yourself and don’t listen to other people,” Hooyman said. “People are always going to have their own judgment. That’s the point. It’s their own judgment. You’ve got to feel that empowerment from internal. If you get it internal, it’s going to radiate externally. That’s what’s going to drive things. Don’t be your own roadblock. I always talk to my daughters, ‘cause sometimes we get in our own way. We lose faith in our ability ‘Are we smart enough?’ ‘Are we strong enough?’ ‘Are we brave enough?’ ‘Do we have the talent?’ Believe in yourself.”

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-Jamie Hooyman,
Provost

THE STROLLER:
Your Bearcat wants a response

When people refuse to respond to certain forms of communication, it makes you wonder just how advanced we've become.

If I send you an email, which is my main form of communicating with people I don't know, all I ask is that you respond. It could be a simple two-word answer like, "Screw off," and I'd be happy.

It shows that I'm not sending questions into the dark abyss, never to be found or answered. I'll also have a better story to tell if people responded so vehemently.

There are some people I doubt exist because no matter how many emails I send, they refuse to respond.

My biggest concern is how they think they'll communicate with their boss, and honestly, even how they talk to their teachers now. If you don't respond to me, does that mean you haven't seen it or that you don't want to answer?

Doing this simple step can keep me from going to extremes when it comes to searching for you.

When email doesn't seem to work, Facebook Messenger is where I go to pressure you more. Responses here only have a slightly higher percentage thanks to the read receipt.

What's even more baffling is the number of people who don't understand that I can see this and they still don't respond.

I'm not stupid. If you didn't want to answer, sending the truth would be much more helpful and less annoying for you in the long run.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



A night full of sounds and sights from the 1920s, the Jazz Speakeasy brought together community members and Northwest employees to raise money for the Pay It Forward fund.

Jazz Speakeasy helps Pay it Forward

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Smooth, contemporary jazz poured through J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom March 9.

Community members, faculty and staff attended the second annual Jazz Speakeasy hosted by the Community Connections group, affiliated with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Music was provided by the Northwest Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo under the direction of Fine and Performing Arts Assistant Chair, Bill Richardson while Adam Gonzales, Coordinator of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, provided music between each jazz set.

Junior Delaney Lynam has been part of the Northwest Jazz Ensemble for two years.

"I didn't start appreciating jazz until my senior year, but the friends I've made within the ensemble and being part of the trumpet section has been a great experience," Lynam said.

Lynam said a lot of hard work and preparation was crucial for the

speakeasy.

"We started preparing a lot of the music about three weeks ago; it was stressful but it was worth it," Lynam said.

The event was a come-and-go fundraiser for Northwest's Pay It Forward fund, which provides assistance with student's emergency needs such as course supplies, unexpected medical costs, tuition assistance and transportation needs.

Sue Nickerson, a Pay It Forward committee member, revamped the program in 2013 alongside co-worker and co-committee member Jody Throener.

"The program began as an emergency loan opportunity for students to borrow \$75 with the expectation the funds would be paid back," Nickerson said. "It was difficult for students to pay money back, so with the new concept students are expected to donate hours volunteering in the community, campus events, food pantry or tutoring others."

Nickerson said Pay It Forward

is a form of intervention that helps students to be successful.

"The funds are designed to reduce barriers and increase the opportunity to achieve higher education, it's not intended as a handout, as it's a way of developing citizenship, relationships and understanding," Nickerson said.

The event also included an array of canapes and a cash bar for drinks, while guests enjoyed socializing and dancing.

Holly Cottell from Arlington, Nebraska, who now lives in Maryville, Missouri, has always been a fan of the 1920s.

"Ever since the movie 'The Great Gatsby,' the music within the film fascinated me with the 1920s era, so when I saw this event online and the theme for it, I had to come," Cottell said.

Cottell said jazz music is something different that people should listen to more often.

"I played in a jazz band in high

school for 4 years, so jazz music is something I have always listened to," Cottell said. "Nowadays, it's something that people don't instantly listen to on the radio, so these types of events are always a nice switch."

Junior Ryan Woltkamp enjoyed playing at the event.

"It was a much more loose atmosphere than most of our concerts, so it felt good that we were all having more fun with the music, and I got more chances to do solo pieces," Woltkamp said.

This was Woltkamp's first year in the ensemble. He was exposed to jazz music through his grandpa.

"Jazz is the bedrock of all modern American music, and in my opinion, is the most exciting music genre and style," Woltkamp said.

More than \$800 was raised at the event, which will help students access all available resources for grants or funding from financial aid.

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RYAN GRIESINGER | NW MISSOURIAN

PATH TO POSTSEASON

Seven teams trek unique route to Maryville

No. 2 Northern State

Northern State earned itself an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament after winning the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament.

The Wolves beat Southwest Minnesota 72-68 March 5 to claim their second straight NSIC Tournament title. Northern State will be the No. 2 in the regional tournament for the second consecutive year.

Senior guard Ian Smith leads the way in several categories for Northern State. Smith has recorded 13.6 points per game and 5.4 assists per game in 30 games played. Coach Paul Sather has guided his team to a 26-6 record and to its third consecutive 20 win season.

Last season, Northern State represented the central region in the Elite Eight and was the national runner-up.

No. 3 Washburn

MIAA rival Washburn finds itself in the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament for the second-straight year.

The Ichabods finished runner-up in the MIAA tournament for the second year in a row to Northwest March 10.

This postseason berth marks the 14th time the Ichabods have made an NCAA postseason appearance. Washburn has been guided to a 24-7 record behind 19.5 points per game from senior guard Javion Blake and 5.6 rebounds from 6-foot-7 sophomore forward Will McKee.

Washburn is under the direction of second-year coach Brett Ballard.

No. 4 St. Cloud State

For the second year in a row, St. Cloud State men's basketball will travel to Maryville and play

the same opponent to open up the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament.

The Huskies earned an at-large bid into the tournament after a 22-8 record and a quarterfinal loss to Wayne State in the NSIC tournament.

Senior guard Gage Davis dominates the scoresheet for St. Cloud State averaging 26.1 points per game. Davis can do more than score, he also leads the team in rebounds per game (7.6) and total assists (100).

Fifth-year coach Matt Reimer mans the bench for the Huskies as they head into the regional slate.

No. 5 Southern Nazarene

Southern Nazarene earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament after beating Southeastern Oklahoma 80-77 in the Great American Conference Tournament Championship.

This is the Storm's second consecutive season in the regional tournament. They fell to St. Cloud State 81-68 in the opener last season.

Junior guard Jhonathan Dunn leads Southern Nazarene with 17.6 points per game. Senior center Noah Starkey supports Dunn, averaging 7.5 rebounds per game.

The Storm is led by GAC Coach of the Year Adam Bohac. Bohac has been with Southern Nazarene for 11 seasons.

No. 6 Missouri Southern

Missouri Southern is making its second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division II Central Region Tournament.

Sophomore forward Cam Martin leads the Lions with 21.4 points per game, 9.4 rebounds per game and 1.1 blocked shots per game.

This is the Lions' seventh appearance in the tournament. They are

5-7 all-time. Last season, Missouri Southern lost to Southwest Minnesota State 81-77 in the first round.

Missouri Southern is directed by fifth-year coach Jeff Boschee. The Lions fell to Pittsburg State 89-80 in the MIAA Tournament quarterfinals March 8.

No. 7 Southeastern Oklahoma

Southeastern Oklahoma has earned a bid to the regional tournament for the first time since the 2006-07 season.

The Savage Storm fell to Southern Nazarene 80-77 in the GAC Tournament Championship game. Coached by Kelly Green, Southeastern has won 13 of its last 15 games.

Junior forward Kevin Buckingham leads the Storm in scoring, averaging 20.4 points per game. He also leads in rebounds, averaging 9.6 per game.

NBA Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is a notable alumnus of the Southeastern Oklahoma basketball program.

No. 8 Minnesota State

Minnesota State men's basketball out edged Wayne State for the final spot in the central region.

The Mavericks fell to Bemidji State in the first round of the NSIC Tournament, while the Wildcats were knocked off by Southwestern Minnesota State in the semifinals.

Coached by Matt Margenthaler, Minnesota State is led by junior Cameron Kirksey, who averages 17.5 points per game. It has an 18-14 record in the NCAA Tournament, including a 2-1 record last season.

The Mavericks knocked off Northwest in the first round of the 2018 regional tournament and fell to Northern State in the regional championship.

Maryville soccer seeks strong start

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With just under a week left before the season starts, Maryville girls soccer is working with what it can to get ready for its home opener against Savannah.

After earning a 16-7 record last spring, Maryville is returning several of its starters for the 2019 season. The Spoofhounds also have younger players who have not seen much time on the field.

The team lost five seniors from last season, allowing some younger players to step into these positions. Coach Dale Reuter is looking forward to being able to get some of the younger players on the field and start to build experience at the high school level.

"There are really good players that we have had on the bench," Reuter said. "We are looking for those girls to take that leadership role and step into that starting position. They have to work hard, and they know they have to work hard."

Many of the players on this team have been with each other since they were at a young age, allowing the players to be a part of a "family."

The weather has been taking a toll on how spring sports are able to get prepared for their upcoming seasons. This has been a problem for the Spoofhounds, as they have not been able to practice outside yet because of the conditions of the field.

Although spring sports are battling with the outdoor weather, Reuter is making sure his team is go-

ing into its first game prepared. The Spoofhounds may not be able to practice on a field just yet, but they are doing what they can inside with strength and conditioning.

Junior defender Stephanie Ingram explained what they have been working on specifically for this season.

"We are working on individual skill and really building together as a team," Ingram said. "All the players this year, we've all played together since we have been little, so we have a close bond. The weather hasn't been cooperating, that's why we take those chances when we can get inside the Hughes Fieldhouse at Northwest."

The regular season came to a close last year, but the 'Hounds were not done yet, knocking on the door for a state playoff berth. They opened district play with a win over Lafayette then moved on to defeat Benton, reaching the state tournament.

Junior forward Morgan Pettlon reflected on what this says about their team.

"It shows all the commitment we are doing now," Pettlon said. "Being able to work as a team and work together."

Maryville kicks off the 2019 spring season with a home game 5 p.m. March 19, against Savannah. Reuter set his expectations for the first game of the season.

"I know that he (Jeff) is going to have them ready," Reuter said. "We have to up our game, and I think we are doing the best we can. We have a lot of young and newer faces that come in here, but they come with a lot of skill."

BASKETBALL

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Hawkins, who won the MIAA's Defensive Player of the Year Award for his regular season campaign that included 71 steals, echoed a similar sentiment. The Bearcats' focus remains on what lies directly ahead.

"I think we've just been excited for the game in front of us and the practice of the day and stuff like that," Hawkins said. "I think by breaking off smaller and smaller bits, it's easy for us to focus and get prepared... Losing sucks, so you want to keep winning."

Northwest doesn't have any grand scheme planned to fight their way through the matchup with Minnesota State or beyond, rather, the team is focused on the task at hand and the intangibles it can control.

For McCollum and company, the best route through the tournament lies in effort and preparation.

"For us, it's more 'just compete as hard as you can,'" McCollum said. "You can't really control whether you win or lose. When you try to control whether you win or lose, outside of just controlling the controllables, I think you have a lot more issues. We just need to control the controllables, so that's all we'll do."

As the team inches its way toward tip-off with Minnesota for the second time in two years, its focus will remain on making history, not repeating it.

"Losses aren't fun," McCollum said. "That's why we don't do it very often."

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Results mixed for track at nationals



Senior athlete Kevin Schultz scored 14 of the Northwest's 15 total points at the NCAA Division II National Championships. Schultz placed second in the high jump and third in the heptathlon.

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Northwest indoor track and field capped off its season with a visit to Pittsburg, Kan., to compete in the NCAA Indoor National Championship March 7-8.

The Bearcats, who sent seven athletes to the meet, brought home mixed results.

Similar to much of the regular season, the trip was highlighted by senior athlete Kevin Schultz. Schultz, who competed in the high jump, heptathlon and was part of the men's 4-x-400 relay team, accounted for 14 of Northwest's 15 points over the weekend. The men's squad took 17th place overall out of 83 teams.

"Well, he did his job," coach Brandon Masters said of Schultz. "I think that's a big thing, is he did his job. That's experience; that's being a fifth-year senior. The other guys didn't quite do their job."

In doing his part, Schultz took second place in the high jump and grabbed third place in the heptathlon after losing the tiebreaker for second place. The senior earned an All-America performance for his showing in Pittsburg.

"Kevin's the man," Masters said. "That's what he's been doing. It's pretty impressive when you can go and do the multi, four events including the high jump, and then come back an hour later and still get second in the high jump. (It was) a pretty great competition for him."

While Schultz served as a bright spot, the Bearcats underperformed in other areas. Freshman standout Omar Austin, who led Northwest to a strong finish at the MIAA Championships meet Feb. 24, placed eighth in the men's 400-meter race with a time of 47.70 after running a 47.26 at the conference meet.

"Omar was in position, but then, you know, just racing inexperience in both the prelims and the finals," Masters said. "We thought he was going to get away, and it didn't quite work for him. He got shoved pretty hard and still finished, but finished pretty slowly when you get shoved two different times."



Master said much of Austin's difficulties stemmed from his size, which comes into play more in the confines of an indoor track than it would during the outdoor season.

"He's not a big guy," Masters said. "(In the) indoor 400-meter, you don't stay in your lanes. (It was) the first time he's ever had to do that, and Omar's not a big guy, so he needs to learn how to race a little bit smarter and stay out of the way of some of those guys that are bigger than him."

Masters said to remedy the racing woes Austin experienced at nationals, the freshman — who Masters called "the fastest freshman in the country" earlier in the season — could just run faster.

"He's just got to run faster," Masters said. "If you're in the lead by five meters, you don't get pushed, do you?"

Despite Austin's somewhat disappointing finish in the 400-meter race and the 4-x-400 team's 11th place finish in the relay, Masters was still pleased with the team's overall performance. Junior Marcus Klein took 13th in the men's long jump with a jump of 7.22 meters while junior Karim Achengli placed 9th in the 5,000-meter run.

On the women's side, junior Jordan Hammond competed in the pentathlon, where she took 10th place, and junior Mercedes Isaacson-Cover finished 13th in the triple jump.

"Obviously, scoring what we did with 15 points and finishing 17th at nationals is a big deal," Masters said. "It wasn't quite good enough for us, we know we dropped the ball on a few things and felt like we could have been a top-10 team at the end of this indoor season, but didn't get there. But 17th is pretty darn good."

Experience carries golf to early season success

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After placing third as a team at the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invitational, Northwest golf enters the second leg of its 2018-19 season with one goal in mind: qualifying for the NCAA Regional Championships.

At the invitational, the Bearcats produced a two-day, two-round score of 630. This mark tied the third-best two-round score in Northwest history.

Sophomores Mady Acers and Morgan Theile led the Bearcats by placing 13th overall. Acers shot the low score of the two rounds, carding a 75 during the first day of play.

Seniors Nikki McCurdy and Elise McDonough also placed in the top-20 for Northwest, tying for 18th place with a score of 159.

"We competed well and shot a total score of 630, which is fantastic for us," coach Andy Peterson said. "I was so proud of the girls, considering this is the first time that we've had grass under our feet and to go out and shoot that low is really impressive."

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In its 12th season in existence at Northwest, the women's golf program has made strides in making a name for itself within the MIAA. Peterson is optimistic about the low scores to start the 2019 season, considering weather has restrained the opportunity to practice on the course.

"It really speaks to the girls' competitiveness and grit," Peterson said. "Our physical preparation has been minimal with all the weather and snow we've received."

While the weather has been an issue to the team entering the season, experience and leadership have been the answer. Northwest has returned all eight of its starters that it had during the 2017-18 campaign.

"I would say even though we have five sophomores, our experience is a strength," Peterson said. "The five played a significant amount of rounds last year, and then the upperclassmen have seen that many more rounds, so we're comfortable competing in the spring this year and ready to go."

Many aspects go into the game of golf including ball path, optimal swing speed, correct club use and even grass length. But maybe the most important piece that affects the entirety of the round is the seven inches between the ears: the mindset.

"The biggest challenge we have run into is our mental game," Peterson said. "Our kids have shown today that they are ready for that challenge, we just have to continue to have that mindset as we play in adverse conditions."

The Bearcats, throughout the season, will continue to strive for the end goal. It's something that the program has never seen before and is something that is dreamed of at the beginning of each season: the opportunity to compete in the NCAA regional championship.

"We are in a really tough conference and competing at a high level is a must," Peterson said. "Beyond that, we are on the bubble in terms of qualifying for the NCAA regionals for the first time ever as a program. It would be really special for these girls and this program."



Northwest golf placed third out of seven teams at the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invitational in Edmond, Oklahoma, March 11-12.

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NW BASEBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Missouri Southern.....	15-5	7-2
Missouri Western.....	9-7	7-2
Central Missouri.....	13-7	6-3
Emporia State.....	8-7	6-3
Central Oklahoma.....	12-6	5-4
Pittsburg State.....	10-9	5-4
NORTHWEST.....	9-10	5-4
Southwest Baptist.....	9-10	4-5
Washburn.....	8-10	3-6
Lindenwood.....	7-12	3-6
Northeastern State.....	3-18	2-7
Fort Hays State.....	1-16	1-8

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA Standings

Overall MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	20-1	4-0
Washburn.....	12-10	4-0
Northeastern State.....	11-11	3-1
Lindenwood.....	11-5	2-2
Pittsburg State.....	9-10	1-1
Missouri Southern.....	6-7	1-1
Missouri Western.....	11-10	1-3
Emporia State.....	3-12	1-3
Lincoln.....	2-12	1-3
Central Missouri.....	8-6	0-0
Fort Hays State.....	7-6	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-14	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-6	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	3-7	0-2



Senior outfielder Derek Hussey has boasted a .286 batting average with four extra-base hits and four RBIs in 19 games.

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‘Cats take conference sweep

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Northwest base-ball reinvented itself this weekend as it got its three phases of the game to work in unison in the three-game sweep of Southwest Baptist.



The Bearcats bested their opponents in Southwest Baptist as the Northwest pitching staff continued to better itself on the season.

The Bearcats (9-10, 5-4 MIAA) began their first MIAA stretch in a less than ideal setting as they were swept by Central Oklahoma. These games against the Bronchos were lopsided and left Northwest with questions about its progress.

Those questions were quickly thrown by the wayside when the Bearcats performed on another level of intensity against Southwest Baptist (8-11, 3-6 MIAA). They battled every game and took home a clean sweep by only a three-run differential. Each phase of their game

competed and strived for something more in the successful weekend.

“Going down to Southwest Baptist, playing on the road again... coming off a three-game loss to Central Oklahoma, I’m really glad how our guys responded,” coach Darin Loe said. “Being able to compete out of the gate and do it in all phases...I’m proud of our guys and how they performed.”

No phase of the game achieved more than Northwest’s pitching staff over the weekend. Though Game one (9-8) and Game two (8-7) were more on the high scoring side, Game three set a ton for the level of play the Bearcats are capable of.

The momentum was helped by sophomore starting pitcher Max Spitzmiller, who cornered Southwest Baptist with his ability to throw strikes.

Game three saw a 2-1 victory in favor of Northwest as Spitzmiller went seven innings, giving up one run, all while adding seven strikeouts to his stat sheet.

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March 15-17
Pittsburg, Kansas

“Going out to the mound and helping my team win was a great feeling,” Spitzmiller said. “Getting ahead in counts and filling up the zone helped allow for us to put the other team in a position to be defensive and have our defense make plays.”

Even with mixed results, the Bearcat pitching staff has increasingly established itself as a capable weapon in the Northwest arsenal. This is built by the player’s abilities to provide mental help for one another.

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Tennis gathers momentum for conference play

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Northwest tennis has been on a roll as of late, collecting seven straight match victories since March 6, while the women’s team quietly won its fourth dual in a row.



The Bearcats were able to knock off Oklahoma Baptist with identical 6-1 scores on both the men’s and women’s side March 9 in Red Oak, Iowa.

The following day, both squads notched decisive wins over Newman at the Genesis Indoor Courts in St. Joseph, March 10. In men’s competition, Northwest swept the Jets 7-0 and won all six matches in straight sets. For the women, they collected a 6-1 decision after dropping the No. 1 singles match.

“We’re getting some matches under our belt right now,” coach Mark Rosewell said. “It’s always hard to play those nationally ranked teams indoors because they practice every day indoors, which is a huge advantage for them. When we get outside — we’re an outdoor team — that’s going to help us a lot too.”

Looking forward, the women’s team will head south for a match-up against conference rival Missouri Western to stretch its four dual winning streak to five while the men prepare regional and conference matchups against Harding and Emporia state March 16-17, respectively.

“I think we had a pretty good weekend,” sophomore Agustin Velasco said. “We won three matches in a row, and that’s good for the team for getting confidence before the conference and regional matches.”

In the last 33 years, the Bearcats have come out on top of the Griffons in the last 34 meetings. Although the rivalry is one-sided, Rosewell isn’t discounting the rivalry just yet and said the young leadership of his

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Northwest vs Harding
10 a.m. March 16
Maryville

Northwest vs Emporia State
2 p.m. March 17
Maryville

women’s team has impressed him.

“We’ve got some juniors on the team, and we’ve had some starters for three years, so we have a little more experience than people think,” Rosewell said. “They (the juniors) are doing a great job.”

With two young teams under Rosewell’s guidance, he explained with the schedule being as busy as it is, playing these two competitive teams provides “certainly enough motivation,” for his squads.

“The first match that we have is Harding, and we lost against them last season,” Velasco said. “We really want to play them and beat them, so we will try and do our best, and we know we are much better this season, but we have to stay focused and do our best.”

With the wins over the last weekend, Rosewell collected his 1,097th win during his time with the Bearcats. The 37-year veteran coach could eclipse the 1,100 win mark this weekend with wins in all scheduled duals.

Rosewell said he was thankful for everything Northwest has done for him during his tenure in Maryville.

“I’m extremely lucky and happy,” Rosewell said. “I’ve been blessed with a great school here and people who are interested in having a strong athletic tennis program. You’ve got to have those kinds of things to go as long as I’ve coached here.”

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Bearcats set to host regional rival

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For the second time in two years, Northwest men's basketball will take on Minnesota State-Mankato in the first round of regional play in the NCAA Division II Tournament.



A season ago, the No. 1-seeded Bearcats hosted the No. 8 seed Mavericks and were sent home early with a 60-50 loss. This year, the Bearcats hope things are different, and in some ways, they already are.

Northwest entered last year's matchup with the winningest senior class in program history leading the way and a season removed from a national championship run. The class's standout senior guard Justin Pitts missed the game with a toe injury, and the Bearcats shot poorly en route to the 10-point loss on their home court.

Now, the Bearcats (32-0) possess a drastically different lineup, featuring two freshman guards in Trevor Hudgins and Diego Bernard. Still, the young Bearcats inched their way through a perfect regular season and escaped the conference tournament unscathed for the fourth consecutive year.

Hosting the Central Region in the tournament for the third year in a row and matching up against Minnesota State for the second straight year, some things for the Bearcats feel similar, but the intangibles are unfamiliar.

"It always feels the same," coach Ben McCollum said. "You have a whole week to prepare, and so, you don't want to overdo it, but you also don't want to underdo it. I think last year will help us quite a bit just preparing for any kind of random deals defensively."

Entering the tournament, these Bearcats seem to be a revised and updated version of themselves. Led by senior swingman Joey Witthus, who transferred from Minnesota State following the 2017 season, Northwest is playing at a high level, one that seems to border on absurd.

Four of Northwest's starters average double-digit scoring, led by Witthus' 20.9 points per game total. Bernard and Hudgins are averaging 11.8 and 18.7 points per con-

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test, respectively, while sophomore forward Ryan Hawkins has scored 18.8 per game with an average of 9.0 rebounds.

The only starter not averaging double figures is junior forward Ryan Welty, who leads the team in three-point percentage, shooting 50 percent from deep. The Bearcats completed a 19-0 sweep of the MIAA this season and swept the conference's regular season awards before sweeping their way through the tournament, too.

Further, the Bearcats have won 32 consecutive games. They're 87-5 in their last 92 home games, and they're 94-5 overall in the last three seasons.

In short, they win at a higher clip than any team in college basketball. That's why, McCollum said, Northwest is confident and hopeful headed into the win-or-go-home tournament.

"I think the Missouri Western game helped us more than anything, just because we weren't overly prepared," McCollum said, referencing Northwest's close 70-88 win over the Griffons Feb. 26. "The other part of that is: we still won. And so, we can play, essentially, poorly offensively and still win games. We need to take that with us and understand that in that in the postseason."

A win-or-go-home format brings an added sense of pressure for the Bearcats. But the game plan will not change, McCollum said. The Bearcats haven't lost a game in over a calendar year — to change things now would be nonsensical.

"It's all the same," McCollum said. "You have to compete as hard as you possibly can, and that's why we try to do that all season long so (in) these games there's no added pressure. We've done this all year long."

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Sophomore Ryan Hawkins, the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year, averaged 9.0 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game to help the Bearcats through their perfect regular season. Northwest is set to host the NCAA Central Region starting March 16 at Bearcat Arena.

AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Softball suffers through early conference woes

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Northwest softball was unable to claim a conference win in four tries against Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State in back-to-back doubleheaders March 7-8.



The Bearcats (3-9, 0-4 MIAA) ran into a stout No. 8 Bronchos (20-1, 4-0 MIAA) club where Northwest only pushed across four runs in the two games played in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Northwest allowed 23 runs in the two matchups against the conference leaders. Junior pitcher Rachel Smith (1-4) and sophomore pitcher Reagan Thompson (2-3) were given the losses for games No. 1 and 2, respectively.

Before the 'Cats started the trek back to Maryville, they stopped in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, for a two-game set against the RiverHawks (12-11, 3-1 MIAA). Even though Northwest moved 169 miles east, the results were the same. The Bearcats dropped both games with Northeastern State by a score of 6-0 and 10-1.

"You look at those games and they got out to early leads, but it wasn't a big lead," coach Ryan Anderson said of the weekend. "Both games were a 1-1 game through four innings, and if we get any hits to score runs, their offense doesn't wake up like it does."

Junior infielder Kaitlyn Weis



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Junior infielder Karli Allen earned all-MIAA honors for Northwest last season. The Bearcats are now 3-9 following their recent 10-1 loss against Northeastern State.

continued her early tear with a team-best .417 batting average while clubbing four home runs and has been responsible for half of Northwest's total runs. Senior outfielder Jaedra Moses boasts the second-best batting average for the 'Cats while having the most at-bats.

"Like coach said, it's hard to feel sorry for ourselves when we

don't get outside or when we haven't played all of our games we were suppose to," Moses said. "I'm sure they have more experience, but they were playing at home, and we had to travel seven hours. I think getting our jitters out and playing our first conference games (will help)."

Northwest collected 24 hits over the four-game stretch, which aver-

ages out to six hits a game. Out of those four games, the Bearcats only scored five runs and weren't able to put a run on the board in one of the games. Anderson explained while on the surface it may look like his team pitched poorly, the lack of offense didn't help his pitching.

"From the pitching side of it, our offense has to help them out,"

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Northwest vs
Missouri Western
2 p.m. March 19
St. Joseph

Anderson said. "Just put some runs on the board, and good offense makes an even better defense. Defensively, we played well and did what we were supposed to do, then we let baserunners get on, and it got out of hand."

For Moses, taking early conference losses has worn on her and her teammates. She said even through the losses, the team keeps encouraging each other and maintains a positive attitude.

"It's really hard when you are getting beat," Moses said. "I know all of us kind of get our heads down during the game but (we just need to keep) staying positive and even after the game we just kept telling each other it's going to get better and get more experience and start playing better."

With the first home game for Northwest around the corner, Anderson said the possibility of getting both games in "doesn't look good."